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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed on April 13, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

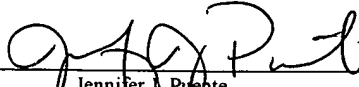
In the Office Action, the Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §121 for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner states that the claims 8-12 are directed towards a system that is classified in class 600, subclass 407, while claims 13-18 are directed towards a method that is classified in class 600, subclass 407.

In the interests of furthering prosecution, the Applicant hereby elects claims 8-12, without traverse, that are directed towards a system. Applicant further reserves the right to file continuation applications and/or divisional applications on any non-elected inventions.

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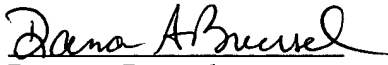

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If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (631) 501-5713.

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